

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 1, 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Bethel, Maine, October 1st. (1875?) Dear Mr. Bell:

As soon as you receive this you will know I arrived home safely, and I need only say it was without any adventures, though I turned the buggy around and stopped at one or two places, and then ran up into the stable. I felt so proud for it was the first time I had ever done such a thing entirely alone and in such fine style too!

I was very glad to see you this morning, and to hear all about you. I was not so much surprised however as I should have been had you not said you were coming this way. I hope you arrived, or will arrive, for you are not in Boston yet — safely, after a comfortable journey. I wonder if you saw my Uncle and Aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Marsh in the cars, they may return to Cambridge from Graham any day. What a pity you did not delay your journey from Montreal until tomorrow, the clouds are lifting and it will probably be pleasant by that time,- when there is no lovelier spot in all the White Mountains than Bethel.

In your letter to me received last night you said you were amused at my surprise on learning that it is so warm in Ontario. Please allow me to remind you that you once told me it was much colder than Boston, and so led me to think of Canada as a land of “fur coats, sealskin caps and forty degrees below zero.”

Perhaps “Utilitarianism never looks to beauty” but in our trip to the mountains I thought some of the prettiest landscapes were made by the cutting down of forests and planting grass in their place, leaving only two or three fine trees whose graceful proportions show so much more to advantage than they would if the others were left as Nature placed 2 them.

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I wonder what Papa will think of your “ruse” with Mr. Brown. I hope the gentleman will keep his promise about the telegraphic instruments and get your patents.

With kindest regards, Sincerely yours, Mabel G. Hubbard.